

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1-15. (cancelled)

16. (withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition comprising Pediocin A in combination with at least one of bacterial strains selected from the group consisting of:

*Pediococcus pentosaceus* FBB61, ATCC 43200;

*Pediococcus pentosaceus* FBB63;

*Pediococcus pentosaceus* L7230, ATCC 43201.

17. (withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 16, comprising a mixture consisting of Pediocin A and one of bacterial strains selected from the group consisting of:

*Pediococcus pentosaceus* FBB61, ATCC 43200;

*Pediococcus pentosaceus* FBB63;

*Pediococcus pentosaceus* L7230, ATCC 43201.

18. (withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 17, comprising a mixture consisting of Pediocin A and *Pediococcus pentosaceus* FBB61, ATCC 43200.

19. (withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 16, further comprising Pediocin A analogous molecules.

20. (currently amended) ~~A method for increasing the health of an intestine of a monogastric species, the method comprising administering to said species an effective amount of a pharmaceutical composition comprising~~ of feeding a swine or poultry, comprising the steps of:

a) providing an animal feed;

b) adding previously isolated Pediocin A to said feed in a concentration effective to increase the growth rate of said swine or poultry; and

c) feeding said feed to said swine or poultry in combination with at least one bacterial strain selected from the group consisting of:

~~——— *Pediococcus pentosaceus* FBB61, ATCC 43200;~~

~~——— *Pediococcus pentosaceus* FBB63; and~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ *Pediococcus pentosaceus* L7230, ATCC 43201,~~

~~said amount being effective to increase the health of said intestine, said Pediocin A being present in said composition independently from said bacterial strain.~~

21-28. (cancelled)

29. (new) The method of claim 20, wherein said Pediocin A is added to said feed at a concentration of 1 to 10000 AU per ml or g of feed.

30. (new) The method of claim 20, wherein said Pediocin A is added to said feed at a concentration of 160 AU/ml of feed.

31. (new) The method of claim 20, wherein step b also includes adding *Pediococcus pentosaceus* FBB61 bacteria to said feed.